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E.O. 11652: NA TAGS: PORG, EAIR, ICAO SUBJECT: ICAO: MEMBERSHIP CTE UNLAWFUL INTEREFERENCE AND WORK ON

RE: 10/6/77 LETTER FROM ICAO PRES/COUNCIL TO REPS ON COUNCIL

1. PRES/COUNCIL ADVISED USREP EARLIER THAT THREE STATES NOT NOW ON CTE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEMBERSHIP: CZECHOSLOVAKIA, INDONESIA AND CANADA. PRES INDICATED HE HAD "TALKED THEM OUT OF IT." USREP EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN ESPECIALLY RE CANADA SINCE CTE "BALANCE" WAS CHANGED LAST YEAR WITHOUT CONSULTATION WHEN JANPAN AND KENYA DROPPED OFF AND MOROCCO AND PAKISTAN WERE PUT ON. USREP SUGGESTED THAT THE PRESENCE ON AN 11 MEMBER CTE OF STATES OF LEBANON, MOROCCO, PAKISTAN AND SENEGAL WAS A BIT MUCH. HE RATIONALIZED BY SAYING MOROCCO WAS "AN AFRICAN COUNTRY" REPLACING KENYA AND THAT PAKISTAN WAS AN "ASIAN STATE" REPLACING JAPAN. USREP SUGGESTED THIS WAS RATHER FAR OUT AND SHOULD THIS CTE BECOME EMBROILED AGAIN IN CURRENT ISSUES RE HIJACKING AND TERRORISM ICAO COULD BE SUBJECT TO CRITICISM FOR THIS KIND OF CTE MEMBERSHIP.

2. PRES/COUNCIL ADVISED USREP THIS DATE, CASUALLY, THAT MOROCCO IS NO LONGER INTERESTED AND HAS BEEN REPLACED BY TANZANIA. (IF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KAUNDA BECOMES NEW TANZANIAN REP THIS WILL PROVE TO BE A GOOD SUBSTITUTION -- IN ANY CASE IT PROVIDES ENGLISH-SPEAKING SUB-SAHARA PRESENCE.)

3. USREP CHECKED WITH CANADA REP WHO REITERATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S STRONG INTEREST IN CTE MEMBERSHIP WHICH THEY INTEND TO PURSUE NEXT YEAR IF NOT THIS YEAR. (ACCORDING TO PRES, CANADA

DID NOT WANT TO GET INTO A VOTING SITUATION WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED IF THERE ARE MORE CANDIDACIES THAN SEATS.)

4. PRES/COUNCIL ALSO TOLD USREP THAT COLOMBIA IS REPLACING ARGENTINA ON THE CTE. THIS WILL BE AN IMPROVEMENT, BUT APPARENTLY THE CHANGE WAS MADE BY PRES AS A GESTURE TO FORESTALL PUTTING CANADA ON CTE. FYI: PRES FEELS THAT NORTH AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP OF CAN, US AND MEXICO IS "TOO MUCH." END FYI.

5. USREP RAISED QUESTION OF CTE CHAIRMANSHIP (IN VIEW OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES IN UNGA). TAKEN IN LIGHT OF OTHER CTE CHAIRMANSHIPS
AND VICE PRESIDENTS OF COUNCIL, THE ALTERNATIVES ARE FEW -IT WOULD BE MEXICO (WHO DOES NOT WANT IT), SPAIN (WHO DOES NOT WANT IT), THE USSR IF HE DOES NOT TAKE FIRST VP OF COUNCIL, TANZANIA (IF THE REP TURNS OUT TO BE KAUNDA)--OR FRANCE, (AMB. LA GRANDVILLE). USREP SUGGESTED THAT USSR WOULD BE MOST IN LINE WITH OUR POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT AND HAS SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE GOOD CHAIRMAN (WG ON RUSSIAN TEXT) WITH SECOND CHOICE KAUNDA OF TANZANIA (ALTHOUGH HE WOULD BE NEW ON COUNCIL. USREP SUGGESTED STRONGLY WE WOULD NOT BE PLEASED WITH A FRENCH CHAIRMANSHIP SINCE THEY HAD BEEN LEAST COOPERATIVE ON THE CTE ON MAJOR DECISIONS, PLUS FACT THAT REP IS NOT AN AVIATION PERSON.

6. FYI: THE CTE ON UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET NOV. 17. ANY CRITICAL MATTER TO BE REFERRED TO IT SUCH AS UNGA RESOLUTION, OR PROPOSALS COMING OUT OF NOV 3 COUNCIL MEETING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MUST GO FORWARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (WAITING UNTIL NOV. 14 COMMENCEMENT OF COUNCIL SESSION IS TOO LATE). END FYI

7. FYI: PRES SAYS JAPAN HAS INDICATED THEY WILL HAVE SEVERAL SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR TIGHTENING UP ANNEX 17, BUT TIMING IS NOT YET KNOWN. END FYI

8. IF US HAS IN MIND TO SUBMIT COUNCIL/CTE UNLAWFUL INTEREFERENCE WORKING PAPERS THEY SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HARPER

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